



CITRUS MEMORIAL

Health System

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Citrus Memorial Announces Alignment with Cerner *Partnership to Enhance Health Delivery Capability*

Citrus Memorial Health System announced a strategic alignment with Cerner Corporation to enhance clinical processes and health care delivery capabilities.

Since 2001, Citrus Memorial Health System and Cerner have partnered to implement clinical information systems, improve patient outcomes, and transform health care delivery through the laboratory and eventually through the use of the *Cerner Millennium*[®] system. The new alignment will allow Citrus Memorial to rapidly advance its health care system, and deploy new capabilities to optimize resources, achieve efficiencies and cost savings. Cerner will assume operational and administrative responsibilities for the Citrus Memorial information technology environment via its *Cerner ITWorks*SM solutions and services, including remote hosting, monitoring and system performance capabilities. These capabilities will protect Citrus Memorial's electronic health data, while ensuring high availability of systems.

"Citrus Memorial Health System is proud to partner with Cerner on this strategic initiative for our community. We will incorporate electronic health records (EHRs) in a way that helps care providers, doctors and consumers throughout the Citrus community and beyond", said Ryan Beaty, president and CEO. "Enhanced EHRs will positively impact patient outcomes and provide real-time data to our clinicians."

Through the Cerner alignment, Citrus Memorial will rapidly enhance its systems and processes to ready it for attestation of Meaningful Use federal mandates, as outlined in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Clinician and patient benefits include:

- Improved quality of care through broader access to more complete cross-continuum health record information electronically;
- Integrated flow of data from medical devices directly into the electronic health record for contextual access to all clinical information;
- Increased efficiencies and streamlined workflows to provide doctors with accurate patient histories;
- Improved patient safety with provider access to complete clinical data. Providers can make decisions based on a more complete set of clinical data;
- Increased system speed, usability, and uptime, including increased first contact resolution with an enhanced help desk.

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The strategic alignment positions the Citrus Memorial Health System organization for future growth within Citrus County. With increased access to staffing and training, greater flexibility of skills and resources, the talent pool is better poised to expand with the growing needs of the hospital.

Additionally, the effort will lay the foundation for Citrus to manage healthcare across the entire community, and enabling the community to proactively manage their health together with their care providers through electronic health records.

About Citrus Memorial Health System

Citrus Memorial Health System is a 198 bed, not-for-profit community hospital that provides healthcare services to residents of Citrus County and surrounding communities. More than 150 physicians and 1,000 employees provide a wide range of services at the Inverness campus and at medical offices and clinics in Citrus and Sumter Counties. Citrus Memorial is fully accredited by the Joint Commission and is fully licensed by the State of Florida.

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